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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Telephonic Response to Questions by  
House Select Committee Staffer

PARTICIPANTS: (Staff) Ms. Emily Sheketoff  
(CIA) [redacted]

DATE : December 15, 1975

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At Mr. Duckett's request, I responded to a telephone request of Ms. Sheketoff to furnish her with additional information concerning the briefing of hold items to members of Congress and Congressional Committees. My response was made by phone after discussing the request with Mr. Duckett, [redacted]

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I informed Ms. Sheketoff by phone that the list of congressional briefings which she had been furnished was as complete as we could make it based on available records. Ms. Sheketoff then asked the circumstances under which congressional briefings took place, i.e., who requested them and why. I responded that all briefings of individual Senators, Congressmen, and staffers had been requested by the individuals concerned through our Legislative Liaison Staff. Some Committees and Subcommittees had been briefed at their request; other briefings were given at periodically scheduled sessions.

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[redacted]

In response to a question, I stated that to the best of my and Mr. Duckett's knowledge, no one in the Executive Branch had ever ordered us to brief Congress on [redacted] in order to "put out some fire," nor had any Agency official ever called anyone in Congress to offer a briefing [redacted]

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Ms. Sheketoff said that the oral response to her questions was satisfactory and would not have to be confirmed in writing.

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